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1. Battle information from the West Pakistan front is becoming increasingly scanty

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However, a Pakistani spokesman on 11 September essentially confirmed the analysis presented in Sitrep #28 of the same date. He listed India as holding small areas of Pakistani territory near Kargil in northern Kashmir, in the Tithwal area of northwestern Kashmir, in the Uri - Poonch sector, in two sectors near Sialkot, and south of Lahore. He claimed that Pakistani troops held Indian territory near Akhnur in the Chamb sector and in the Kasur-Ferozepur area. Bitter fighting reportedly is raging on the main fronts, but both sides continue to contradict each other's casualty figures. India introduced a new twist to its claims on 11 September by stating that the Major General commanding Pakistan's 1st Armored Division had been killed in action near Lahore, as had the brigadier commanding the Division's artillery. The Associated Press also reports details of the capture of five Pakistani "paratroopers" who had landed near Kapurthala, 40 miles southeast of Amritsar.

The prospect of war in East Pakistan seemed to come closer on 11 September, following small bombing raids by both sides, the alleged cropping of Pakistani "paratroops" or airborne forces both in Assam and West Bengal between 7 and 10 September, and sporadic gun-firing across the borders. Prime Minister Shastri of

India is quoted by the Delhi radio on 11 September as saying "If Pakistan continues to carry out air raids on Assam and West Bengal, we may have to take countermeasures."

Civilian tempers in India and Pakistan also apparently are rising.

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United Press states that on 11 September 10,000 Indian students stoned the Indonesian Embassy in New Delhi in retaliation for Indonesian attacks on the Indian mission in Djakarta. Hundreds of militant Sikhs in Amritsar were stated by Reuters to have brandished battle axes in a "screaming protest" against a Sikh leader's decision--in view of the war situation--to give up a proposed fast and self-immolation in demand for the creation of a separate, Sikh, Punjabi-speaking state in that area. Fifteen Hindus reportedly were killed in communal riots at Rangpur, northern East Pakistan, about 10 September.

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